

Introduced by Senator Monning

February 21, 2013

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 4, as introduced, Monning. Reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation reauthorizing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, Congress reauthorized the federal Older
2 Americans Act of 1965 in its entirety, effective through the 2011
3 fiscal year; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 has not
5 been reauthorized since 2006, although it was updated in 2009 and
6 funding for its programs has been authorized since that date on an
7 annual basis; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congressional appropriations staff continue
9 to stress the tight spending caps on discretionary programs imposed
10 by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

11 WHEREAS, A substantial number of older Americans living
12 in the State of California will be at risk if there are significant
13 reductions in allocated funds for the programs funded by the act;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Further delay in the reauthorization of the federal
16 Older Americans Act of 1965 will erode the capacity of the act's

1 various structures to deliver services to meet the needs of older
2 Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should
4 immediately be reauthorized to preserve the aging network’s role
5 in home- and community-based services, maintain the advocacy
6 and consumer directed focus of the act, and give area agencies on
7 aging increased flexibility in planning and delivering services to
8 vulnerable older Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should
10 be funded in the same manner in which the act has been funded
11 for the past 48 years; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
13 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature memorializes the President
14 and the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate
15 legislation that would reauthorize the federal Older Americans Act
16 of 1965.

17 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
19 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
20 Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate
21 Special Committee on Aging, to each Senator and Representative
22 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the
23 author for appropriate distribution.